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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON
UGANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA
CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN DEALING WITH QUESTIONS RELATED TO AMBASSADOR
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YOUNG'S FEBRUARY 17 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED
DEATH OF ANGLICAN BISHOP IN UGANDA AND REPORTED DEATH
OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRISONER. USUN IS TELEGRAPHING PER-
TINENT PORTIONS OF TRANSCRIPT TO GENEVA:

QUESTION: IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING,
AMBASSADOR YOUNG REFERRED TO THE (QUOTE) ASSASSINATION
(UNQUOTE) OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP IN UGANDA WHO WAS
ACCUSED OF PLOTTING AGAINST AMIN. DOES THE STATE
DEPARTMENT HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS AN ASSASSINATION?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF THE TRAGIC DEATHS
IN UGANDA OF THE BISHOP AND TWO OTHERS. WE HAVE NO
ADDITIONAL FACTS YET ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT WE
FIND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THESE DEATHS, AS REPORTED BY
THE MEDIA, TO BE VERY DISTURBING. WE ALSO REGRET THAT

THE ACCUSED WILL NOT NOW HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO A FULL JUDICIAL HEARING OF THE

CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

QUESTION: ARE YOU SAYING THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS WRONG IN CALLING IT AN ASSASSINATION, OR ARE YOU CONTRADICTING HIM?

ANSWER: I'M NOT CONTRADICTING HIM. THAT WAS HIS CHARACTERIZATION, BUT I'M REPEATING THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER FACTS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATHS AND WE ARE TRYING TO GET THEM.

QUESTION: DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO BRING UP THE UGANDA CASE AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)?

ANSWER: THE GENERAL QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA IS ALREADY BEFORE THE HRC AS A RESULT OF A RESOLUTION PUT FORWARD BY AN HRC SUB-COMMISSION. WE WILL WANT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSEMBLE ALL THE FACTS WE CAN GET AND CONSULT WITH OTHERS BEFORE DECIDING HOW THIS NEW ISSUE CAN BEST BE DEALT WITH.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE 18TH PRISONER JUMPING OUT OF A PRISON WINDOW IN SOUTH AFRICA?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THOSE CASES AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC FACTS (WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO GET), I DO NOT WANT TO CHARACTERIZE THEM. HOWEVER, THERE IS INCREASING CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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